



Re: UPCM Receives Environmental Award on Richardson Flat

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- Arthur Schopenhauer

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On March 30, 2011, the US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service awarded national recognition to United Park City Mines Company, naming the Richardson Flat Tailings Site a national restoration model. The award was presented at the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration National Workshop for United Park's efforts to implement restoration of natural resource damages in conjunction with remediation activities. The work was cited as a national model of environmental natural resource restoration.

John Isenhardt, of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, remarked that "[i]t is rare to see a potentially responsible party that has such forward thinking and demonstrates a passion for conducting activities that benefit the environment and wildlife at a site that has been impacted by contaminants." Typically, restoration actions are implemented after remedial activities have been completed. This practice often causes additional costs to each of the parties involved and can result in undoing the remedy to achieve restoration. Potentially responsible parties, like United Park, can play an important role in the federal agency coordination process by linking remediation and restoration. [Kevin Murray](#) and [Nicole Squires](#) of Chapman and Cutler serve as environmental counsel to United Park and assisted in both developing the approach and conducting the remediation and restoration efforts.

Kerry Gee accepted the award on behalf of United Park and made a presentation at the conference regarding model practices for cooperative natural resource damage assessment and restoration entitled "Remediation and Restoration of the Richardson Flat Tailings Pond in Park City, Utah: A Cooperative and Successful Effort". [A copy of the presentation is available here.](#)

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